(b) if so, action taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, M.P. as India's representative in UNESCO

1116. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Securities scam, Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, MP, has been appointed India's representative in the executive board of UNESCO; and

(b) if so, whether he has taken up the appointment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) India has been elected a member of the Executive Board of UNESCO at the 27th General Conference of UNESCO in November, 1993. Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, MP, has been nominated as India's Representative on the Executive Board. However, the nomination to represent the country in an Intergovernmental body cannot be treated as an appointment.

केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों में कुलपति के रिक्त पद

1117. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय कितने केन्द्रीय-विश्वविद्यालयों में कुलपतियों के पद रिक्त हैं; और

(ख) उक्त विश्वविद्यालयों में कुलपतियों को कब तक मनोनीत कर दिये जाने का विचार है और मनोनयन में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) केन्द्रीय विश्व विद्यालयों नामतः हैदराबाद विश्वविद्यालय और बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय में इस समय कुलपति के पद रिक्त हैं।

(ख) इन पदों को भरे जाने की अन्तिम चरणों में हैं।

Report of UGC Committee on Women's Studies Centres

1118. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission had set-up a review committee to examine the functioning of women's studies centres and cells;

(b) if so, whether the committee has submitted its reports;

(c) what are the details of its main observations and recommendations;

(d) what is the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The salient features of the recommendations made by the Review Committee are indicated below:—

1. To make the scheme viable and maximally effective, instead of having a large number of Women's Studies Centres, it may be restricted to 10-15, taking care to over all the regions of the country.